

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
Minoru Umemoto et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3725
Application No.: 10/540,534	)	Examiner: Teresa Bonk
Filed: June 24, 2005	)	
For: Method of Refining Metal Surface and Metal Product by Method	)	Confirmation No.: 3553

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2008, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment section of this paper.